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QUICK WORK.

Federation of Louisville Catholic Societies Given Fresh Impetus.

Proceedings of National Convention Reported by Dr. Fowler.

Approved by Archbishop Elder and a Number of Eminent Bishops.

CATHOLIC UNION ELECTS OFFICERS.

The labor and energy expended during the past year by representative Catholic gentlemen of this city interested in the movement to federate all societies of Catholics were well repaid by the results reported and the action taken at the meeting of the Catholic Union at Satelli Hall on Monday night. The report of Dr. J. W. Fowler, who represented Kentucky at the first convention of the National Federation of Catholic Societies of the United States, gave a fresh impetus to the delegates present, and there is now reason for hope that every Catholic society in Louisville will be enrolled in the County Federation now in process of organization.

Though the weather was extremely inclement there was a very representative gathering of delegates present when President McDermott called the meeting to order. Another society, St. Peter's, of St. Augustine's colored church, was added to the number now affiliated. President McDermott presented Mr. Bosquet, of this city, a national officer of the German North American Central Society, who in an interesting address made many valuable suggestions. He stated that the State organization numbered nearly one hundred societies, and that in Louisville there were thirty-six German Catholic societies. There is little doubt, he said, but that when the national convention meets next September the major body and all its branches will join the National Federation either through State or County Federation, and that they would be followed by many others.

All present were eager for the report of Dr. Fowler, who so ably represented Kentucky. It was quite voluminous, giving in detail the proceedings of the convention, which lasted three days. The first convention of the National Federation of Catholic Societies of the United States, he said, was composed of between 400 and 500 delegates, representing every section of the United States and her recently annexed possessions. Among the eminent church dignitaries who encouraged the movement by their presence and advice were Archbishop Elder, Bishops McFaul, Maes, Messmer and Horstmann, besides a large number of distinguished priests. Archbishop Elder occupied the throne at the Cathedral and bestowed his benediction on the delegates at the close of the mass which preceded the opening of the convention.

Dr. Fowler quoted from the welcome address of Gov. Nash, whose brave effort won him great applause. Mayor Fleischman spoke for Cincinnati, presenting the keys of the city in an eloquent and patriotic address. Appropriate responses were made by Prof. Anthony Matre and Thomas B. Minahan. Touching upon the future proceedings he declared they only tended to the spread of fraternal relations and greater union among the Catholic societies of America, thereby promoting and fostering love of God, country and truth.

The National Federation through its State and county branches will strive for higher and more general education among the masses, and commends to all Christians a close study of the encyclical and recommendations of the Holy Father. The Catholic press also came in for its share of attention, and the convention pleaded for a more generous and united support of those who are endeavoring to supply the public with sound Catholic journals. One of the most emphatic declarations of the constitution prohibits the introduction or discussion of partisan politics in either the National Federation or any of its component parts. This effectively disposes of the silly rumors emanating from sources hostile to Catholic advancement. Dr. Fowler's report will bring many more societies into the federation, which should speedily complete its organization to be entitled to representation in the convention which meets in Chicago on the third Tuesday in July.

Communications were received from National Secretary Matre, containing outlines and recommendations for the formation of State and County Federations, together with the fees for membership. The constitution is now being printed and will soon be ready for distribution. Each county will make its own constitution and by-laws, but nothing that would interfere with the autonomy of any society will be permissible.

The officers who served during the past year were all re-elected, and will serve until the foundation of the County Federation is complete, which will then supersede the Catholic Union, the purpose for which it was organized having been accomplished. The officers are:

President—Hon. Edward J. McDermott.

Vice President—Dr. J. W. Fowler.

Secretary—Eugene J. Cooney.

After a general discussion the President appointed a committee of five to visit the local societies with a view to permanent organization and election of officers. The following gentlemen compose the committee: Dr. J. W. Fowler, Emmet Slattery, Thomas Feeley, William M. Higgins and John J. Crotty.

The meeting was interesting throughout, and the steps taken should be productive of good results before another month rolls around.

FEAST OF ST. BRIGID.

Father Connelly Prepares For Its Celebration Sunday Night.

The feast of St. Brigid, the patron of the beautiful little Catholic church in the Highlands, will be celebrated tomorrow evening with elaborate and brilliant services under the direction of Rev. Father Connelly, the zealous and beloved pastor, assisted by a number of local clergy. Solemn vespers will be sung, the services commencing at 7:30 o'clock, and a specially arranged musical programme will be rendered by the choir, which is acknowledged to be one of the best in the city. Rev. Thomas W. White, rector of St. Francis of Rome, in Clifton, will deliver the panegyric on the life of St. Brigid. There are few able or more eloquent pulpit orators and it is safe to predict that the church will be taxed to its utmost to accommodate those who want to hear him. Catholics from all parts of the country have heretofore participated in this celebration, and ample arrangements have been made for the accommodation of those who attend tomorrow. The church is located on Hepburn and Von Borries avenue, and is reached by both Broadway and Walnut street cars.

PATHETIC CONDITION.

Lord Dufferin Dying at His Irish Castle in Antrim.

Cable dispatches from Dublin convey the distressing information that the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, who has won every distinction that can be conferred for brilliant services in the highest and most responsible posts of the public service—a great administrator, a great diplomat, a man of letters, whose manifold achievements have won him world-wide renown—is ending his days under painful pathetic circumstances in his Irish castle in County Antrim. Though full of honors, he retired from public life comparatively poor. He was induced to give his illustrious name in succession to that of Lord Loch (a former British High Commissioner in South Africa) to the directorate of companies floated by Whitaker Wright, who was then rapidly accumulating a large fortune by "rigging" the West African mining market.

The Whitaker Wright bubble burst a year ago. His companies are now in liquidation, having ruined a great number of credulous people, who say they were tempted to invest their money by Dufferin's name. Whitaker Wright is being questioned in the bankruptcy court concerning his company manipulations, while Lord Dufferin is dying under the shadow of this fatal connection. In the London courts this week the fact was brought out that his connection with the company could attach no stigma to his name. Dufferin having acted in a strictly honorable manner and being a heavy sufferer.

A Belfast dispatch says the Marquis was weaker Tuesday morning. Doctors are in constant attendance upon the sufferer, who is now at Claneboye.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC FEDERATION.

The first meeting of the National Executive Committee of the American Federation of Catholic Societies was held at Columbus, O., last Sunday, the members present being Chairman P. N. Mooney, of Cleveland; Thomas B. Minahan, of Columbus; George Gibbons, of Philadelphia; Henry Fries, of Erie; Anthony Matre, of Cincinnati, and E. O. Reardon, of Anderson, Ind. The Federation will establish permanent headquarters at Cincinnati, in charge of National Secretary Matre, who was authorized to employ an assistant. For the purpose of meeting the expenses of maintaining the national headquarters and conducting the work of the Federation a per capita tax of three cents per member was ordered levied upon the 300,000 now affiliated, to be collected by the individual societies and turned into the national treasury. Copies of the national constitution were ordered printed for distribution, after which State Federations will be rapidly perfected.

The Ohio State Federation also held its annual meeting at the same time and place, with a very fair attendance of delegates. It was voted to revise the constitution so as to conform with that of the national body, and this will furnish a copy for other States. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—T. B. Minahan, Columbus. Vice President—R. P. Burkhardt, Dayton.

Secretary—Anthony Matre, Cincinnati. Treasurer—W. A. Manning, Cleveland.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Right Rev. Bishop McCloskey will probably begin his annual confirmation tour of the Louisville diocese on Sunday, March 16. These visits of the beloved Bishop will be looked forward to with more than ordinary interest this year.

IRISH PARTY.

Father Kavanagh's Able Address on Past and Present in Ireland.

Has Kept Her Faith, and Perhaps May Regain Her Liberty.

United League Has Shattered the Incubus of Landlordism.

DECLARES AGAINST PHYSICAL FORCE

In the course of an able address on "The Past and Present in Ireland," at the Athenaeum, in Cork, Ireland, Father Kavanagh, a great-grand nephew of Father Murphy, so patriotically identified with the Wexford uprising of '98, said:

Ireland has kept her faith—perhaps she may regain her liberty. But the reverend lecturer was convinced Ireland would only regain her liberty when England was powerless to prevent her. Many, he said, look to the work our Parliamentarians are engaged in as the only means of national salvation, while others look upon the work as useless. I confess I can not agree with either. Though I am not over sanguine with regard to the result of the labors of the Parliamentary party, yet I consider such a party as a necessary institution in our present circumstances. I would ask those who say that the party is useless to tell us what they have to substitute for it. That it has done some good I think can not be denied. It can not be denied that it has shattered, if not destroyed the incubus of landlordism. That surely is something to its credit. If it has not broken the foreign yoke, it has somewhat lightened it, and if it still weighs heavily upon us, it has not yet crushed us to death. If we refuse to send our members to the British Parliament as a means of regaining our liberty. But we have none. Talking physical force reminds me of the old receipt for the making of hare soup—first catch your hare; so you must first have physical force before you can make use of it. Just think of the actual number of physical force Nationalists in Ireland—that is of men who are able to bear arms, and who would do so if they could procure them.

First subtract from the male population all men under eighteen and over fifty, and after fifty and before eighteen a man has not much capability of fighting in him. Take away from that number all the Unionists—about one third of the whole number. Subtract also all the police, active service and out of it, and all their relatives; subtract also the numerous and cringing crowd who in various situations hang on to the skirts of the Government and also the great majority of well-to-do who in this as in every country, are opposed to all revolutionary changes. In mere point of numbers, then, how do the physical force men of Ireland stand with regard to the combined male population of England, Wales and Scotland? Why, we have not one fighting man to their hundred, and though Irishmen were as big as Flemish, one of them could not fight successfully against a hundred. Strength and valor alone in these days of machine guns and long-distance shooting do not avail much. Continuing, Father Kavanagh, said the Boers, for instance may be pointed at as an example, but there the circumstances were entirely different; every Boer was a marksman; they had ammunition, leaders, training, and their country was favorable for warfare. In Ireland not a man is a hundred, if a modern rifle were put into his hands tomorrow, could hit a hay stack at 500 yards distance. Admitting that we can not wrest our freedom from England by force of arms, let us briefly review the means of bettering our condition that lie within our reach. The United Irish League is one of them, though not the most important, but important enough to be seriously considered. The aim of the League is an excellent one—to make the tillers of the soil its owners. But the League must add to their utility by earnest work in other directions. It must advocate the language movement, and that for the encouragement of Irish manufacturers, which is not to be done efficiently by having mere empty resolutions always in the English language; but must give actual help to these great movements.

ANNUAL BALL MONDAY.

The great event of the year among our local butchers takes place Monday night at Music Hall, when Butchers' Union No. 1 gives its annual ball. Committees have been busy for some time past making extensive preparations, and they feel confident this one will be in every respect up to the high standard of its predecessors, which have been attended by our best citizens. The grand march will be well worth seeing, as Henry Kraft, Gottlieb Layer, Peter Herberger, Con Ford, John Letterle and all the well known butchers will participate.

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CATHOLIC JOTTINGS.

Ground Purchased For the New St. William's Church.

The ground has been purchased for the new St. William's church at the corner of Thirteenth and Oak streets, and as soon as the weather moderates it is proposed to start work on the pastor's residence. Father Murphy has been making a house-to-house collection and has succeeded very well. The members of his congregation are very enthusiastic about the new location and hope in a few months to be settled in their new house.

A new heating apparatus is being placed in St. John's church, a family of Mr. Bryce declared for home rule for Ireland and expressed the hope that no Liberal would repudiate the principles embraced in the Gladstone home rule bills. Proceeding to South Africa affairs the brave Scotchman said:

What do we see now in South Africa? Prosperity turned to desolation and loyal subjects to rebels. The two Republics have been devastated from end to end, the live stock killed, the farms burned, the irrigation dams broken, the fruit trees cut down, the very plows destroyed. The state of Cape Colony is even worse. Martial law prevails everywhere, and under it men who were three years ago contented subjects are kept in prison, some without trial, some under heavy sentence, newspapers suppressed, all letters opened by the censor, the constitution suspended, everywhere intense bitterness between Englishmen and Dutchmen who before had lived in harmony, and great irritation on the part of Englishmen as well as Dutchmen at the oppressions of martial law, the great bulk of the Dutch embittered against British rule, and most of the younger Dutch in arms against us. Meanwhile we have spent two hundred millions of money; we are entering on a period of industrial depression already. We have thrown into the bottomless pit of war expenditure all the savings made during fifty years, and the national debt is reaching the point at which it stood at the end of the Crimean war. We have lost some thirty or forty thousand British lives and have darkened many a British home. This is not all. We have made all Europe hostile to us. What has brought about the change? Not the war merely, but the way in which the war has been conducted. The fault lies with those who have shown in the conduct of this war an amazing and constantly recurring want of foresight and judgment. Has any Ministry since that which lost us the American colonies shown such an absolute lack of wisdom or knowledge of the most ordinary power of comprehending the men they had to deal with and foreseeing the consequences of their own action. We do not know half or a tenth of what is being done under martial law, but we know that many men have been hanged, and we know that the state of feeling among the Dutch has been rendered tenfold more bitter by its administration. What sort of effect must be produced do you think by such detectable conduct as that of forcing innocent private citizens, accused of no offense, to be present at the hanging of their own townsmen and friends. Then came that melancholy sequel of the farm-burning, the gathering of women and children within the concentration camps. In these camps 11,000 children alone had died in the seven months up to November last. No inhumanity was intended, there was only a total want of foresight. If these camps were a necessary consequence of the devastation of the country, then either the country ought not to have been devastated or proper arrangements ought to have been made to prevent this frightful loss of life.

Why were these unhappy people kept far inland when it would have been so much better to carry them down by rail to the coast, where they could have been better cared for, and the railways set free for the carrying of supplies to our troops? That, we hear, is to be done now, but meantime eleven thousand children alone, besides women, have perished. But of all the blunders committed by the Ministry the gravest has been their persistence in the demand for unconditional surrender, and the contemptuous refusal to enter on the negotiations proposed by the two Republics in May, 1900. The arrogant demand for unconditional surrender has been persisted in ever since, save at one moment, and then the terms proposed by Lord Kitchener were rejected by the interference of Sir Alfred Milner and the Colonial Secretary. If the strife is ended on such terms which we can give and the Boers can accept, and I believe such terms can be found, you will assuage bitterness, you will place on the honorable spirits among them a check well worth having, you will lay the best and surest foundation for an enduring settlement. These considerations have recently been put by Lord Rosebery with much force, clearness and point that I will not dwell on them further. What he has said about the resumption of negotiations and the need for liberal terms I cordially endorse, and his arrangement of the Ministry is in significant contrast to the support they have received from some opposition writers and

SOUTH AFRICA.

A Scotch Member of Parliament Arraigns the English Ministry.

All Europe Is Made Hostile Because of Britain's Cruelty.

Arrogant Demand For Unconditional Surrender a Blunder.

PROSPERITY TURNED TO DESOLATION

speakers. With certain parts of his speech many of us do not agree, but the parts with which we do agree are so numerous, and at this moment so important, that we may welcome his powerful aid. He recognized the extreme gravity of the position and calls for a change of policy. Ministers admit no error and wish to persevere in their unhappy course. He is for a generous peace; they are for remorseless war.

Now, speaking for myself, do I find anything to object to in his remarks on the clean slate, for I take him to mean no more than that we must get rid of top-heavy programmes, that we must look at the present political position as practical men and concentrate our efforts on the measures which we have a fair chance of carrying. This is sound advice. This war we condemn, because we want to save South Africa for the empire, and the action of the Ministers is calculated first to ruin and then to lose South Africa. What I do urge is that the terms to be given to the Boers should be generous; they should include grants for restocking the desolated territories; they should include a large measure of local autonomy as soon as order has been completely restored, for that must, of course, precede any settlement; they should, I think, include a separation of the Rand mining basin from the pastoral district; they should include an amnesty so framed as not to cover acts of cruelty or brigandage, and which should be made contingent on a prompt acceptance of the conditions of peace. It is a great mistake to think harsh measures more likely to secure tranquility and obedience than lenient ones. Dismiss all thoughts of revenge. British supremacy has been amply asserted. You are told that there are divisions in the Liberal party. I regret them, and lest I should seem to accentuate them I will say no more than this one word, which justice requires. Sir K. Campbell Bannerman is in no wise to blame for them, for no man could have shown not only more energy and earnestness, but more unselfishness and forbearance, than he has shown for the past three years. Surely the time has come when the general sentiment of the nation should arrest the misguided policy, or rather the helpless drifting of these last few years, and demand a return to the principles under which Britain was prosperous and united at home, strong and respected abroad, finding in the attachment of all her colonies the finest bulwark of her empire.

JACK MURPHY WINS.

Gov. Durbin Appoints Him to Succeed H. M. Frank.

There was general rejoicing in Jeffersonville last Saturday night, when it was learned that Gov. Durbin had appointed J. B. Murphy a member of the Board of Police Commissioners to succeed H. M. Frank, whose term expired January 1. Jack Murphy is better known than most any other man in Jeffersonville, and his selection is regarded as the best that the Governor could have made, notwithstanding the place was eagerly sought by several men prominent in business and political circles. The appointee is in every way qualified for the position and will bring the benefit of a long and varied experience among men and affairs to the office. Saturday night there were gatherings of his friends at various places in the city, and at each he was warmly congratulated by citizens of all parties.

VOLUNTEERS.

Preparing For Second Social Euchre and Dancing Party.

The Volunteer Socials announce their second euchre and dance for Monday night, February 10, and with auspicious weather Music Hall will be thronged as never before this season. The Volunteers are all well known and popular in the best society circles, and their past entertainments have been largely attended. For this one special preparation are being made by Messrs. John B. Treasy and Joe Gilligan were received by Division 1, and Edward Cradick was elected to membership. Following the initiations there were calls for speeches from a number of members, ex-State President Martin Cusick responding with remarks that were pointed and well suited to the occasion.

Mr. Patrick Holley, one of the old guard, in an eloquent address congratulated the degree teams for their excellent work, which should be appreciated by every member of the order. They were, he said, entitled to special credit for their beautiful exemplification of the degrees, the mastery of which required long and arduous study and the sacrifice of much valuable time. The candidates must never forget this day, but should endeavor to bring into membership all their young friends who are eligible.

John Kenney expressed himself as pleased with the work, which will be of incalculable benefit to the rising generation. He then dwelt upon the benefits gained by membership in the order, and extended a cordial invitation to Louisville Hibernians to visit Division 1 of Jeffersonville.

State Secretary James Coleman, who was the last speaker, took for his subject the three cardinal principles of Hibernianism—friendship, unity and true Christian charity. Dealing with the social features of the order he advocated their encouragement and more sociability among the members. He also invited all present to attend the social sessions given by Division 3.

AMONG the young men of Jeffersonville none are more widely known than William P. Garrity. Possessed of Irish pluck and energy, he finished his trade in the car works before attaining manhood, and was among the most skilled mechanics employed by that big corporation. Three years ago he resigned his position to engage in business at 502 Missouri avenue, where he is still located. His success from the start was assured, his place at once becoming headquarters for the great majority of his fellow-workmen as well as large numbers of others. Will Garrity takes especial interest in Irish society affairs, and his services are always at the disposal of the Hibernians. Generous to a fault, a good citizen and always attentive to business, he deserves to be successful.

STRICTLY BUSINESS.

Following the style of the leading cafes of New York, Boston and Chicago, James Reagan has made arrangements whereby he will be able to serve his patrons with fresh oysters daily at his cafe at Preston and Market streets. Fresh bivalves are delicious when served properly, and for this Mr. Reagan has made ample provision. As but few cafes can thus serve their patrons, this innovation should be a go with his friends and the public. And don't forget that he sets an elegant hot lunch day and night.

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LOUISVILLE, KY. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1902.

AUBREY DE VERE.

One of the sweetest poets of the "island of story and song" recently passed away at the venerable age of almost ninety years. He came of a family of poets, his father and his brother both writing some beautiful verses. He was the last of a generation that seems to have no successor. He saw all his friends and contemporaries pass away—Tennyson, Cardinal Newman, Wordsworth—but he lived on and sang bravely to the last.

Aubrey De Vere was not a popular poet. He was attuned to such a high key, his muse was inspired with such lofty thoughts and sentiments, that he appealed to the scholarly more than to the masses. But all his writings shed luster on the land of his birth—Ireland—and his works should be more widely known, especially by Catholics, as he was the greatest Catholic poet of the last century.

In the dozen or so volumes which he has left behind this little sonnet will be found characteristic of the whole:

"Sad is our youth, for it is ever going,
Crumbling away beneath our feet;
Sad is our life, for onward it is flowing,
In current unperceived because so fleet;
Sad are our hopes, for they were sweet in
sowing—
But tares, self-sown, have overtopped
the wheat;
Sad are our joys, for they were sweet in
blooming—
And still, oh still, their dying breath is
sweet.
And sweet is youth, although it hath be-
refit us
Of that which made our childhood
sweeter still,
And sweet is middle life, for it hath left us
A nearer good to cure an older ill;
And sweet are all things when we learn
to prize them,
Not for their sake, but His who grants
them or denies them."

WISE OLD HERO.

Admiral Schley, honored and feted on his tour enough to turn most any one's head, though greatly pleased at the popular enthusiasm, positively and repeatedly declares he is not a candidate for nor will he accept any political office. Wise old hero. This declaration, if adhered to, strengthens him in the respect and love of the people which he so highly appreciates. The only element disappointed are the politicians striving to attract attention and boost themselves into office regardless of the effect on Schley. But the old sailor is no politician, and what seems better, has too much horse sense to allow politicians to use him. He fully understands that the popular demonstrations in his honor are an expression of approval of his deeds as a naval officer in the service of his country, and not an invitation to run for political office.

UNITED IRISH LEAGUE.

Messrs. Redmond and Devlin are on the high seas en route for this country to resume the tour in behalf of the United Irish League. That they will be enthusiastically greeted everywhere is assured. Whatever differences of opinion as to policy exist among Irishmen, it is conceded that the United Irish League represents the largest and leading Irish organization and is prominently and actively before the public in its efforts for reform of Irish grievances and advancement of Irish interests. As representatives of such an organization Messrs. Redmond and Devlin will be welcomed, encouraged and aided, though all Irishmen may not fully approve their organization or methods as the best nor productive of complete lasting benefits to the Irish people. Their success will, at least, be a long step in the right direction, if it accomplish nothing

more than unite in earnest co-operation the Irish people at home, and this it seems to have done thus far, with every prospect of extending that unity of Irishmen the world over. With solid Irish delegation in Parliament they have already shown they are a power to head off the American from one or the other alternative, alike disastrous to Europe.

The real situation as well as the American trade policy is fully illustrated by Charles M. Schwab, President of the United States Steel Corporation, who said in his Berlin interview:

"Naturally it is to America's interest that the German tariff should not be increased; but I do not think we can expect Germany not to increase her tariff; that it will really protect her home market from our competition. If Germany does not raise the tariff, it means that our highly finished goods, as well as our coarser products, will take this market. American exporters quite expect Germany's tariff to go up. It is not in Germany, France or Austria that we can sell largely, but in England, Russia, Turkey and China and all the free markets where Germany and England find outlets. Time is the only element, and it will not be a very long time, either, until they are all ours."

An instance of increase in American trade which is causing depression and alarm in England and Germany is furnished in the supplying of Russia's demand for agricultural machines and implements, nearly all of which until recently came from England and Germany.

The completion of the Siberian railway and the opening of Siberia to settlement and agricultural development naturally promised a great increase in demand, which English and German manufacturers sought but failed to retain, thus adding to their great loss of trade. Hence dullness, surplus stocks, closed factories and idle workmen in this industrial branch. American machines and implements are taking the Russian markets. Last year the American shipments to Russian ports aggregated 33,000 tons. Thus early in this year five ships are loading at New York and Philadelphia with 36,000 tons for Russian ports, an increase of 8 per cent. over the entire shipment of last year, and this does not include shipments from other American ports.

Kentucky, owing to economic notions of her rulers, was not represented by as much as a log cabin at the Buffalo and Charleston Expositions, and unless somebody has a hustle Kentucky will likewise not show on the map at the St. Louis World's Fair next year. Economy is wise, but when carried to such extremes is not only foolish, but an injury to the State. Wake up, make the necessary preliminaries and appropriation for representation at St. Louis, and let the world know the State of Kentucky at least exists.

CAN'T HEAD HIM OFF.

The Episcopal Archbishop of Canterbury, discussing the marriage question Thursday, denied that the moral law is as much observed in America as in England. Americans, he argued, were distinctly beneath Englishmen in that respect. The London divine apparently sees with one eye only. English society is more rotten than that of any other country, never a day passing without developing its great scandal.

Admiral Sampson, it is reported, will try to bring Admiral Schley before another naval court because of a letter he wrote in answer to an author of a history of the Cuban campaign. One would think that Sampson had enough by this time.

The January Gael which came to us this week possesses literary merit of the highest order in all its departments. We have no hesi-

kets. Which is the least damaging end of the dilemma is the problem in-Germany.

The frankness and indifference of the Americans as to what course foreign Governments may adopt is baffling to their competitors. They seem to care little; they are pushing ahead. If barred out of the home markets they will curtail their purchases in such home markets and enter more earnestly in competition in the world's export trade with countries that are not competitors. Thus the foreigner is given the alternative of allowing American competition in his home market or losing American trade and meeting American competition in all export markets. And there seems no way to head off the American from one or the other alternative, alike disastrous to Europe.

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A Privy Chamberlain to the Pope is a member of the Pope's official and immediate household and has certain privileges in approaching the Pope. He has duties at all Papal functions and in these functions precedes officials who have greater rank, because of his immediate household status. He is entitled to wear the purple like a prelate. The title is an honorary one and there are three degrees of rank. Privy Chamberlains are members of the Monsignori.

INSTALLATION.

Irish-American Society Will Have Their Reunion Thursday.

Thursday night next at Hibernian Hall the Irish-American Society will install its newly elected officers. This will be a fitting occasion for a general reunion, which all members should attend. Many matters that have for some time past stood in statu quo are to be presented for final action, the committees having finished their work and being ready with their reports.

President-elect Flynn will make many suggestions in his inaugural address and outline the policy of his administration, besides announcing his appointments for the various standing committees. There will be few, if any, changes in the Executive Committee "named in these columns two weeks ago. Let there be a big turn out Thursday night.

ACCEPTS GOOD POSITION.

Big and generous hearted Tom Coleman, known to almost everybody in Louisville, has accepted the position of Superintendent for the Central Coal and Iron Company, with headquarters at the yards at Fourteenth and Kentucky streets. The men under his jurisdiction are elated over his appointment, knowing that while being firm he will always be just to them. The company will have its hands full supplying his friends with coal, all of whom wish him success in his new position.

FASHION'S FOIBLES.

If it were not for the difference in the material, the flower-trimmed hats worn now would assuredly be classed as summer ones.

Chiffon gowns for home and theater wear are apparently as fashionable as ever, in spite of the material having been popular for so long a time.

For little girls long, loose fitting coats of black silk, satin or velvet are popular. These have a broad white lace collar that extends over the shoulders in a cape effect.

Cotton shirt waists for the coming season are already displayed in the shops. The styles are prettier and more varied than ever, affording an almost unlimited choice of material and garniture.

Thrifty shoppers will rejoice in the knowledge that after several years of disuse fashion has decreed the return of more antique and gross grain silks for coats, long wraps, skirts and costumes.

Not a few of the new waists are untrimmed in front, except for bands, perhaps of silk, laid in great circles looping the front from shoulder to shoulder, one edge of the band sewed tight, the other loose.

Some very handsome street costumes in the fashionable Russian green and deep, rich, sapphire blue shades are seen in kid-finished tailor cloth. The skirts are usually made unlined with a perfectly fitted drop skirt of good silk, with flounces around the foot.

The princess gown is growing in favor, and as dressmakers are learning how to cut and fit this most difficult of styles, the chances are the spring season of 1902 will be graced by many princess gowns and a return to the old-time polonaise is to be looked for as well.

The newest winter tailor gowns are designed for the latter part of the season and early spring wear. They are very much on the lines of those worn last autumn, but almost without exception the coats have no collars and are very closely fitted—that is, giving a straight front effect, but having the side parts curved exactly to the figure.

The January Gael which came to us this week possesses literary merit of the highest order in all its departments. We have no hesi-

tancy in saying it will be read with feelings of the keenest pleasure and appreciation. Among the contributors to its bright pages will be found the ablest Irish writers of the day. The Gael is published monthly at 150 Nassau street, New York, for a dollar a year.

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MONSIGNOR FARRELLY.

Holy Father Honors Secretary of the American College.

[Written for the Kentucky Irish American.]

"IF."

If all of the people were gone, my boy,
That revel in sorrow and fret in joy
There would not be much in the world to
cloy

Such spirits as yours and mine, my boy,
If all of the people were gone, my dear,
That fatten on terror and thrive on fear,
And never miss shedding a single tear,
The world would be better, you bet, my
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"ALONE."

Quietly through the world's busy mart
I am traveling onward alone,
Eager only to do well my part,
Yet wondering for what I alone.

Not an orphan without a mother's
Sweet smile and fond caress,
Nor even a strong, good brother's
Name my life to aid and bless.

But alone I am doomed to go
Like one in a foreign land,
With no feeling in common—no
Responsive touch of the hand.

A father's love lost when but known,
So filled my child heart with bliss
That without him I am all alone—
No other can give a responsive kiss.

There is companionship in the flowers
That greet me with fragrance sweet,
And kindness in the gentle showers
Which now and then I chance to meet.

The starlit sky charms me at night,
The rippling rill with music choice
Entails me in the bright sunlight—
All Nature speaks in friendly voice.

Alone amid the grandeur I behold,
I wonder—for what do I alone?
By this isolation so drear and cold?
But no—with God I am never alone.

KATHLEEN DON LEAVY.

[Written for the Kentucky Irish American.]

"SOCIETY."

Miss Agnes Stocker, of Bardstown, is the guest of Miss Ida Esterle.

Judge Toney has returned from a short visit with relatives in Mississippi.

Mrs. P. H. Sweeney, of Jeffersontown, was this week the guest of friends at Columbus.

Mrs. Anna Chase Deppen returned Tuesday from a short visit with friends at Cincinnati.

Mr. Dennis Shanahan left Wednesday for Boston, where he goes on an important business trip.

Slaughter Fitzpatrick, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is reported rapidly improving.

Miss Marie Hill returned Wednesday from Nashville, where she spent several weeks visiting with friends.

Mrs. George Mulligan and Dave Mulligan returned home Tuesday, after a short visit with friends in Cincinnati.

Mrs. William Weitzel has returned to her home in Frankfort, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Fred Kellner.

Mrs. Lemuel McHenry arrived home this week from Danville, where a number of entertainments were given in her honor.

David Welch, the well known Monon conductor, is reported quite ill at his home, 211 West Fourth street, New Albany.

Miss Lula Kramer, formerly of this city, and Miss M. K. McDonald, of Chicago, were this week the guests of Mrs. Oscar Rehm.

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Patrick O'Connell, a prominent Irish resident of Eminence, spent several days this week as the guest of John Kenney in Jeffersontown.

Miss Walla Clarkson, who was the charming guest of Mrs. Robert McCleary for several weeks, left Wednesday for her home at Clarkson, Miss.

Timothy Kenney, a well known resident of Jeffersontown, left Wednesday for a three weeks' pleasure trip to friends in Dubois and Perry counties, Indiana.

Miss Ella O'Connell, 1130 Washington street, arrived home this week after a pleasant visit with the families of J. L. Buttner and J. T. O'Connell, at Eminence.

Little Miss Nellie Finnegan was given a delightful mask surprise party this week at the home of her parents, 2012 Lytle street, by about fifty of her juvenile friends.

Patrick O'Connell, residing at New Castle, arrived home this week after a pleasant visit with the families of J. L. Buttner and J. T. O'Connell, at Eminence.

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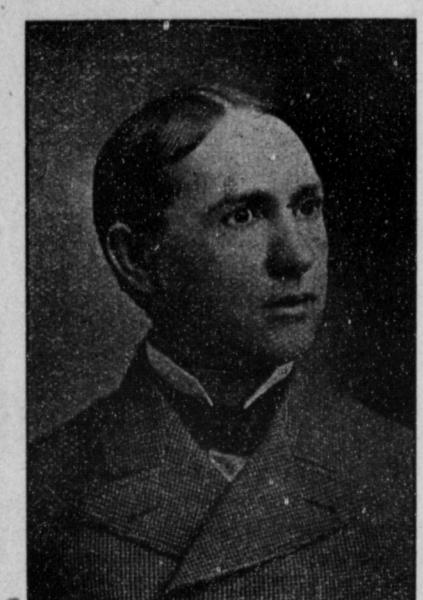
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IRELAND.

Record of the Most Important of
the Recent Events Culled
From Exchanges.

At the last Kilrush sessions the record of
the peaceful condition of West Clare
was once more exemplified as unbroken
by the absence of any crown cases.

The death took place in Belfast, at the
ripe old age of eighty-two, of Richard
Lilburn, who for close on thirty years
filled the position of editor of the Belfast
News-Letter.

Edward J. Kenny, of Beechmount,
Merrion, County Dublin, eldest son of
the late William Kenny, was admitted as
a solicitor of the High Court of Justice
by the Lord Chancellor.

According to statistics just published
the highest rainfall in Ireland last year
was in Kerry and the lowest in Carlow.
The figures were 49.31 inches in the
former county and 33.65 inches in the
latter.

Prof. William D. Killen, D. D., Presi-
dent of the Irish Presbyterian church
Assembly's College, Belfast, died at Bel-
fast in his ninety-sixth year. Deceased
was regarded as the father of the Presby-
terian church in Ireland.

At the Tipperary petty sessions, a man
named Robert McGuane was brought up
in custody, charged with breaking into
the Catholic church at Emly. The
prisoner, who it is supposed, is a native of
Galway, was remanded for eight days.

Two Belfast boatmen named Francis
O'Neill and William McGoohan fell
into the Milewater basin and were taken
in the ambulance to the Royal Hospital.
O'Neill, who was sixty years of age, died
from the effects of the immersion. The
other man has recovered.

An application to the Judicial Commit-
tee of the Privy Council for an order to
authorize the construction of an electric
tramway in the city of Limerick was
postponed for four months with a view to
the production of further evidence on
financial and other points.

The musical features of the programme
will be high class and will consist of the
masterpieces of famous Irish composers
and authors. The programme has not
yet been completed, but will include an
address by some well known orator yet to
be selected. Tickets will soon be placed
on sale and purchasers will receive a
handsome souvenir button. The Ken-
tucky Irish American will also present
each lady attending a copy of its hand-
some St. Patrick's day edition. The
place and time for the sale of tickets will
be announced in our next issue.

RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. Bridget Keith, a highly esteemed
resident of Nicholaville, died there
Monday after a short illness of pneumo-
nia. She was born in Ireland eighty
years ago, but came to Kentucky when a
young girl.

Mrs. Matilda Fischer, for many years a
respected resident of this city, passed to
her eternal rest Wednesday morning, at
the ripe old age of seventy-seven years.
She was a native of Germany, but had
lived here for half a century. Kind and
charitable to the poor, she was beloved by
a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.
Six grown children survive her. The
funeral takes place this morning
from St. Martin's church.

This morning at St. Michael's church,
Brook street, the last sad rites will be
performed over the remains of Miss
Mary Gross, who died Thursday after-
noon at the residence of her mother,
Mrs. Lena Gross, 103 Third street. Miss
Gross was a young woman, whose beauti-
ful character and charming personality
had endeared her to a host of friends,
who deeply sympathize with the bereaved
mother.

Particulars sad was the news received
by Mrs. Mike Tynan last Wednesday even-
ing, contained in a telegram from Okla-
homa City, announcing the deaths of her
cousin, James Carroll, and his wife, Annie
Carroll, who left Kentucky for the Far
West about eighteen months ago. James
Carroll lived here many years, but his
wife was from Elizabethtown. Mrs.
Tynan immediately telegraphed for full
particulars, but has not yet received any
reply. They leave one young child.

Very Rev. Anthony Viala, formerly
rector of St. Catherine's church, New
Haven, Ky., died of pneumonia in
France on December 20. Father Viala
was well and favorably known in this
city and diocese for his learning, jovial
and kindly disposition and his interest
and labors in various organizations for
the advancement of religion and charity.
He was loved by his parishioners, who
regretted his departure seven years ago,
and his death will be sad news to them.

His many Louisville friends were
sadly shocked when they learned of the
death of Edward J. McDonald at Cincin-
nati. The deceased was a well known
resident of this city, for many years
been connected with the Louisville Public
Warehouse and A. Coldey & Co. About
a year ago he removed to Cincin-
nati to accept a more responsible position
with the latter firm. His remains were
brought to this city and taken to the
residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. John
Coleman, 2713 West Chestnut street,
where many sympathizing friends called
to tender condolences to the bereaved
wife and child who survive him. His
funeral took place from St. Charles'
church Thursday morning with high
mass of requiem, Rev. Charles P. Raffo
being the celebrant. A long line of car-
riages followed the remains to their last
resting place.

ANNOUNCED.

Bernard A. Coll, the most efficient
Treasurer ever elected in Clark county,
Ind., has announced his candidacy for
renomination by the Democratic conven-
tion to be held soon. Barney has a host
of friends, and there is little probability
of his having any opposition.

The Chief Secretary was the principal
guest at a luncheon given in Belfast by the
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The final step has been taken;
The world can not claim thee now;
Thou art bound to the Master's service
By a solemn and holy vow.
Tenderest ties are broken,
Never again to blend;
Here hath a new life opened;
Here must the old life end.

In the glory of youth and manhood
Low at God's feet they lie;
Over them riseth the chorus,
Reaching the far off sky.
"Ora, ora pro nobis;"
Angels and saints look down;
Pray for these brave young soldiers
Who seek the eternal crown.

Robed in the sacred vestments
Touching with hallowed hands
The chalice of benediction,
Lo, the anointed stands
Kissing the pure white altar—
Henceforth his only bride—
His mission to spread the story
Of Christ and him crucified.

There with the summer sunshine
Tinting his robes of gold
Sitteth the newly made pastor,
Shepherd within the fold.
Now he hath rest; his labor
Of love and of grace is done.
"Thou art a priest forever;"
The crown of thy life is won!

SISTER OF CHARITY.

nounced the United Irish League, and
threatened pains and penalties against
those engaged in the agrarian warfare.

The Rev. Father Murray, of Killeigh,
and the Rev. Father Gilsean, of Tullamore,
had a fortunate escape on Friday.

The two reverend gentlemen were driving
from Geashill, where they had been
conducting a collection in aid of the
proposed new Cathedral at Mullingar,
when the horses were driving fell,
owing to its leg getting into a large hole
on the road. Father Murray was thrown
heavily on to the ditch, but received no
injuries further than a severe shaking.
Father Gilsean held on to the reins and
managed to stop the horse, which
had dashed madly away.

On Monday, before Justice Madden
and a common jury, a case was tried in
which Dominic Doherty, who had been
teacher in the national school of Crag-
gan, County Mayo, sought damages from
the Very Rev. Canon O'Hara, manager
of the school, for alleged wrongful dis-
missal. The defense was that the defen-
dant's attention having been called to
inaccuracies in the plaintiff's reports
of the attendance at the school, he
reported them, as in duty bound, to the
Commissioners of Education, who dis-
missed the plaintiff. Justice Madden
dicted a verdict for the defendant.

A second sacrilegious attempt to rob
the Mallow Catholic church proved un-
successful. The edifice was entered
through the rear window and the shrines
and collection boxes were broken, but
owing to the foresight of the clerks they
had been cleared of their contents late
the previous evening, and the church
breakers gained nothing by their sacri-
legious conduct.

County Inspector William B. Law, of
the County Fermanagh force, has been
appointed to the charge of the County
Dublin force, in the room of the late
County Inspector T. Fleming. Law,
who is an officer of considerable experi-
ence, was appointed an officer in the service
in December '72, first-class District
Inspector, May '86, and promoted County
Inspector in February '98.

On Thursday the Judicial Committee of
the Privy Council refused an application
by the promoters of the Dublin, Scalp &
Enniskerry Electric Tramway and the
Bray Tramway Company for an order in
council authorizing that undertaking on
the ground that it would contravene the
tramways act, which prohibits the
granting of orders for tramways to connect
places already connected or about to be
connected by railways.

The sudden death is announced of John
Payne Sheares. He was for many years
agent for Lord Bantry's West Cork estate,
from which he retired in favor of his son
soon after the establishment of the Land
League. He was Chairman of the Cork
and Bantry railway, Director of the
Great Southern railway, and Director of
the Munster and Leinster Bank. He
filled the office of County High Sheriff.
He was seventy-eight years of age.

A pauper named Owen McCarthy, who
had been an inmate of the Limerick
Workhouse for twenty years, has just
died, and £3,910 has been found in his
possession. The Master, in reporting
the matter, said the man was a miserly
fellow, who would never see either a
priest, parson or doctor. The Guardians
have now consulted the Local Govern-
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vert some of the money to the cost of the
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manded that the priests of the world of
the United Irish League should be allowed
to have a free hand in the matter, and
that the Government should not interfere
with their actions.

A very sad drowning accident occurred
in the Grand canal, Tullamore, the victim
being a young boatman named John
Fleming, a native of Ballinasloe. The
unfortunate young man was engaged in
steering one of the boats belonging to the
Grand Canal Company when the
handle of the rudder, it appears, gave
way with the result that Fleming was
thrown into the water. The extreme
darkness of the morning rendered it
impossible for his comrades to save the
poor fellow, who was unable to swim. At
the inquest, which was held by Coroner
Egan, a verdict of accidental drowning
was returned.

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OFFICERS ELECTED.

Central Labor Union Held a Rousing Meeting Last Sunday.

The Central Labor Union held a rousing meeting last Sunday, transacting much business of importance and electing officers for the coming year. The report of the committee having charge of the recent bazaar was most gratifying, and showed that the financial results greatly exceeded all expectations. Encouraging reports were also submitted by the gentlemen composing the Legislative Committee, and in approval of their work Treasurer Wathen was instructed to advance such sums of money as the committee required for use at Frankfort. A number of communications were received and acted upon, after which National President Mulcahy of the Amalgamated Wood Workers of America, who had just succeeded in adjusting the differences at the car works in Jeffersonville, made a short but powerful address on the benefits of unionism when conducted on just and conservative lines. Union men should always be law-abiding, violent measures, he declared, being the real cause of nearly all the failures in labor strikes.

William Leo, representing the striking workmen in the National cash register works at Dayton, made an eloquent plea in behalf of the unions engaged, the central body making a handsome appropriation to help them in their struggle for justice against a corporation that has resorted to everything disreputable to disrupt the unions of Dayton.

The annual election of officers then took place, the following being chosen by almost unanimous vote:

President—S. C. Moore.
Vice President—John Fuchs.
Treasurer—William Wathen.
Corresponding Secretary—Charles B. Gerth.

Recording Secretary—L. J. Kieffer.
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Sergeant-at-Arms—J. Cosgrove.
Board of Directors—James McGill, Hermann Christen, C. N. Holander, James Dougherty and L. Steinmetz.

Upon assuming the duties of President Mr. Moore delivered a splendid address, in which he outlined the policy of his administration, which he said would be conducted in the interest of unionism in all that the term implies. He then announced the standing committees, James Dougherty, of the printers, being placed on the Legislative Committee, James McGill being continued as Chairman.

Newly elected delegates were admitted from nineteen unions, several among the number making their initial appearance in the central body, which is now stronger than ever in its history.

LEAVES THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The latest Protestant Episcopal clergyman to enter the Roman Catholic communion is the Rev. Alvah W. Doran, of Philadelphia, a curate in St. Clement's church, one of the largest parishes of the Episcopal body in that city, and the one in which the Rev. Basil W. Maturin, who some years ago united with the Roman church, formerly ministered. Mr. Doran was born in Albany and was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in 1897. His first pastoral work was performed in Chicago. Then he accepted a call to Philadelphia. At Mr. Doran's confirmation into the Catholic church he was accompanied by James Hazel Hardy, a student in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, who was at one time an acolyte in St. Clement's.

PAINFUL FRACTURE.

Joseph Hendricks met with an unfortunate accident Monday night. While walking up Market street he slipped on the icy pavement in front of the Farmers' Hotel, falling with great force. He was at once removed to the hospital, where it was discovered that he had sustained a severe fracture of the right ankle, and other injuries. The bone was set and Hendricks is reported resting easy, though it will be some weeks before he can be out. He is a cousin of Capt. James Hendricks.

LARGE COONS

Concealed in the Pending Bill to Pension Louisville Firemen.

Its True Character Develops a Gross Injustice on the Majority.

Will Create an Immense Extra Burden For Taxpayers to Meet.

ESTABLISHES A PRIVILEGED CLASS

The "firemen's pension bill," as generally understood to be to pension firemen disabled in the service by accident or infirmity, is so unobjectionable that the bill bearing that title passed the House at Frankfort without opposition, and is now pending in the Senate. Its true character has become known, and it develops a scheme of deception concealing two rather large coons in the woodpile. "Firemen's pension bill!" It provides first of all for an increase of the salaries of the Chief, Assistant Chiefs and other officers of the Louisville Fire Department who receive large salaries, but no increase for the rank and file who get \$2.25 per day. This, besides the deception, is a rank injustice and a piece of impertinence. However the law may be twisted, the Legislature has no equitable right to fix the salaries of city employees; the city hires and pays them, and has the sole equitable right to fix the rate of pay. This is the first coon.

The other coon is in the provision for pensions. Every fireman serving twenty years is to be retired on half pay, regardless of his physical condition or needs. This establishes a privileged class to be supported by the city for the remainder of their natural lives without rendering any further service, even though they have been fully paid for their voluntary service and are in no way incapacitated from earning a livelihood. Under this pension law the Fire Department will become a very costly affair, and with the twenty-year men being retired year by year on half pay (ranging from \$35 the \$145 per month), the amount required to pay them will soon be an immense extra load to carry in addition to the proper cost of the department. There can be no plausible defense of this kind of pensioning. No fireman, even if entirely incapacitated, needs nor should the city be required to pay him any such sum as the bill proposes; and to provide for such payments by the city indiscriminately, including able-bodied men not in need, makes the proposed bill a raid on the city's treasury.

A fireman's pension bill, providing only for reasonable pensions to firemen incapacitated by injury, sickness or infirmity, regardless of term of service, will be generally satisfactory. Any scheme of the Legislature to arbitrarily fix salaries of city employees, or to foist the burden of indiscriminate pensions at such rates for firemen or any others, is deserving of popular condemnation.

If the pending bill can not be amended by eliminating the salary provision and limiting the pensions to a reasonable amount to disabled firemen, it ought to be knocked on the head by the Senate. If it should pass, Gov. Beckham will have a chance to make friends in this city by swinging the veto ax and killing it.

WILL MAKE GOOD RACE.

Will Sweeney, a well known and popular young man of Jeffersonville, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Commissioner for Clark county. He has a large personal following and will make a strong race. There seems little probability of his having any opposition.

Keep flowers fresh by putting a pinch of soda in the water.

BISHOP BURKE'S ADVICE

King Edward's Oath Insulting to Millions of Catholics.

Bishop Burke last week in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at Albany, N. Y., took occasion to refer to the oath which King Edward VII. will take at his coronation. The Bishop said he wished the world, and especially all Catholics, to know just what references the oath contained, and while the King of England was swearing that the doctrine of the divine presence in the most blessed eucharist was false, and the sacrifice of the mass a superstition, he wanted every Catholic to raise his heart to the Almighty and make a most devout act of faith. Unless Parliament should change this oath, now he would be obliged to swear that the eucharist is not the body and blood, soul and divinity of our divine Lord under the appearance of bread and wine, and he would have to swear that this divine sacrifice of the mass which we are offering here is a superstition or a fable. On the day of the coronation of the King of England I want every Catholic to pray fervently to God, to repeat the Apostles' Creed, to make an act of faith, and, if possible, to spend some time in adoration before the most blessed sacrament.

THEATRICALS.

"D'Arcy of the Guards" is headlined for the first three nights of next week at Macauley's. "Winchester," a splendid war play, with scenes in the Shenandoah Valley, runs the last three nights with Saturday matinee.

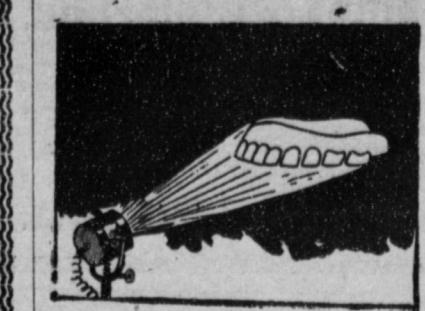
The Temple will present another good bill next week. Col. Hopkins has furnished the best vaudeville ever given here, and the large audiences attest appreciation of his efforts. The Temple now has a firm hold upon the amusement loving public.

The Avenue presents its patrons a double bill next week. "A Homespun Heart," which has many reminders of "Human Hearts," in sentiment and situation, but regarded by many as a stronger play and better told, will be seen the first three nights. "The Telephone Girl," the ever merry New York Casino musical jingle, with a host of pretty girls, new and handsome costumes and catchy music, will finish out the week. Messrs. Nelson and Hamilton are conducting the Avenue with marked success during the absence of Manager Shaw.

Rice and Barton's Big Gaiety Extravaganza Company, one of the largest and most successful organizations on the road, will be seen at the Buckingham next week. The engagement of this great company of artists will be of great interest to theater-goers. The entertainment furnished is full of fun, songs, dances and pretty girls, including a bevy of ladies, all clad in ornate costumes. In the old will be two sweet baritone singers, Lloyd and Walton, Mullen and Dunn, Eckhoff and Gordon, Rice and Elmer, Miss Idylla Vyner, Miles and Raymond, the Fisher Sisters, and other well known vaudeville performers. There will be elaborate scenic effects, a highly successful operatic burlesque called "Brown Among the Daisies," and the farce comedy "Raiding the Tenderloin." Frankie Haines will have the leading part, assisted by nearly every member of this big company.

KILLED AT ST. LOUIS.

Secretary James O'Hara received a telegram Wednesday night announcing the death at St. Louis of John Gibbons, formerly a resident of New Albany and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, who was killed in the railroad yards where he was employed. He was about forty-five years old, and leaves a wife and several children.



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